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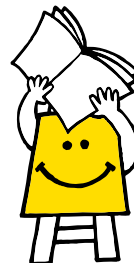
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Swoosh came the wind.
A sheet of paper floated in.

Manju picked it up
and sat down to draw
the sun. “Oh, this looks horrible!” she said.
Manju crumpled the paper and threw it out of the window.

The paper fell on Wasim's head.
"Ah, a ball!" he said happily.

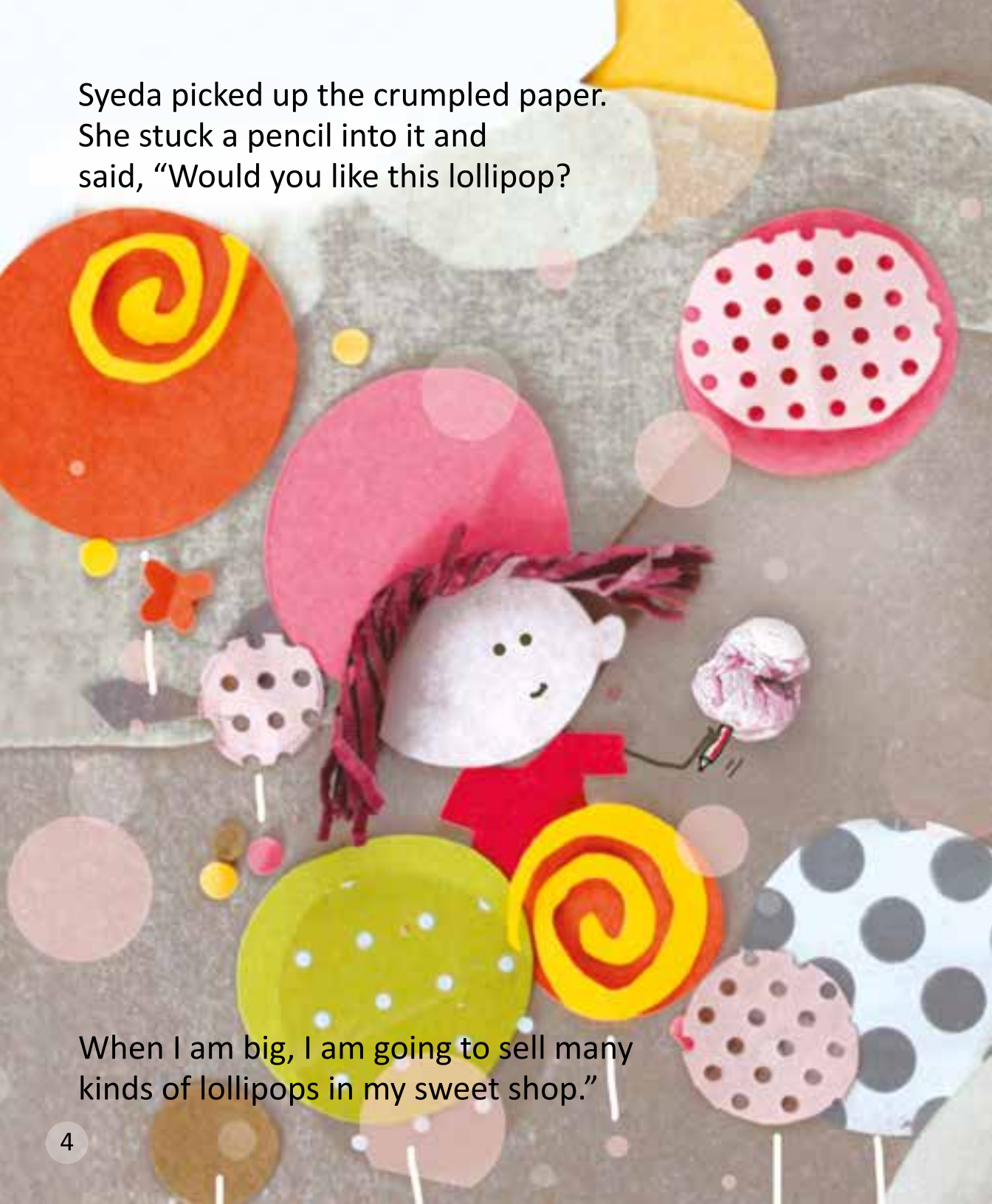
Wasim threw the crumpled paper ball up into
the air and watched it come down.
He threw it higher, and it came down faster.

Wasim aimed the paper ball at
Syeda, his sister.
"Got you!" he shouted with glee.



Syeda picked up the crumpled paper.
She stuck a pencil into it and
said, "Would you like this lollipop?"

When I am big, I am going to sell many
kinds of lollipops in my sweet shop."



Just then, Bittu came in.

“May I have the lollipop please?” he asked.

He pretended to eat the sweet and then rolled up
the crumpled paper.



“Testing, testing, mike testing, one,
two, three!” he said.

“Now I am going to sing you a song.”

Bittu finished singing a film song very loudly.
Manju took the crumpled paper from Bittu's hands.
She smoothened the paper and made a boat.



“Bittu, the famous singer will sail all around the world
in this big ship!”
“May I come with you too?”
asked Wasim.



Wasim picked up the boat.
Very carefully, he smoothed the paper.



Then he folded it like a handkerchief.
He cut out a corner.
Then Wasim opened the paper.



“Look here, all of you! Smile please!” he said as he held up the paper with a hole in the centre.

Syeda, Bittu and Manju smiled.



Then they grinned. Soon they were giggling. Wasim crumpled his paper camera.

Just then, Anil came along with his donkey.
He picked up Manju's pencil and
drew lines around the hole in
the paper.



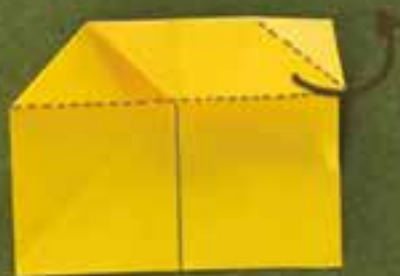
“That’s the best sun I have ever seen!” said Manju.

Anil's donkey grabbed the paper sun from Manju's hand and gobbled it up fast. He burped loudly.

And then the donkey had a very strange look on his face.

Now who can tell if it was because he had eaten very fast without chewing well, or if it was because he had eaten up the sun?







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